

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 9, 10, 14, and 15.

Amend claims 8 and 13 as set forth below:

- 1 8. A slider for supporting a transducer for use in a disk drive, comprising:  
2 a supporting structure having a top surface including a pocket, a leading edge, a trailing edge,  
3 lateral edges extending between the leading and trailing edges, corners located at intersections  
4 between the leading edge, the lateral edges, and the trailing edge;  
5 a plurality of air bearing protrusions protruding from the pocket;  
6 at least one shock-absorbing protrusion protruding from the pocket and having a height with  
7 respect to the pocket that differs from a height of the plurality of air bearing protrusions, such that  
8 the at least one shock-absorbing protrusion is discontinuous with the plurality of air bearing  
9 protrusions; wherein  
10 each of the air bearing protrusions and the at least one shock-absorbing protrusion has a  
11 protruding end that defines an air bearing surface, and the at least one shock-absorbing protrusion  
12 comprises a material that is softer than the supporting structure; and wherein  
13 the at least one shock-absorbing protrusion comprises a plurality of shock-absorbing protrusions,  
14 each of which is located at a respective one of the corners of the top surface of the supporting  
15 structure.

- 1 13. A magnetic recording device for reading or writing magnetically, comprising in combination:  
2 a disk comprising a substrate and a metallic magnetic layer;

3 a head support on a slider for magnetically reading data to or writing data from the magnetic  
4 layer on the disk, the slider comprising a supporting structure having a top surface with a pocket, the  
5 top surface of the supporting structure having a leading edge, a trailing edge, lateral edges extending  
6 between the leading and trailing edges, and a plurality of corners located at intersections of the  
7 leading edge, the lateral edges, and the trailing edge;

8 a plurality of air bearing protrusions protruding from the pocket, each of the air bearing  
9 protrusions having a protruding end that defines an air bearing surface, wherein at least some of the  
10 air bearing protrusions are shock-absorbing protrusions, each having a height relative to the pocket  
11 that differs from a height of other ones of the air bearing protrusions, such that the shock-absorbing  
12 protrusions are discontinuous with said other ones of the air bearing protrusions, and at least the air  
13 bearing surfaces of the shock-absorbing protrusions comprise a material that is softer than the  
14 supporting structure;

15 a motor operable to rotate the disk;

16 an actuator connected to the slider for moving a head across the disk; and wherein

17 each of the shock-absorbing protrusions is located at a respective one of the corners of the top  
18 surface of the supporting structure.